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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT

PERMISSION TO REQUEST

REIMBURSEMENT FOR TELEPHONE

CALLS TO FOUR INDIVIDUALS

Defendant.

On December 28, 2007, Defendant Miguel Angel Rosas-Leon, acting pro se and with the assistance of stand-by counsel, submitted an ex parte letter asking the Court to authorize reimbursement for phone calls to four potential witnesses. The request identified each witness by name and telephone number and explained the relationship between each witness and Defendant's potential defense. The Court has reviewed Defendant's request and finds that the four witnesses identified by Defendant in the December 28, 2007 letter may have information beneficial to Defendant's case. Accordingly, the Court authorizes Defendant to seek reimbursement for a reasonable number of calls, each of a reasonable length, to these

witnesses. The Court further orders that the December 28, 2007 letter signed by stand-by counsel be filed under seal.

Dated: January 9, 2008

BARBARA L. MAJOR
United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Defendant
All Counsel
Nellie Torres Klein,
 Senior Counsel, MCC

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